The proceeds of the cess are to be utilized exclusively for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and the Mid-Day Meal Scheme.

(c) After imposition of the Education Cess through the Finance (No. 2) Act, 2004, following amounts have been allocated for programmes of this Department through First Supplementary Estimates 2004-05:—

(i) For Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (allocated to the Department of EE&L) Rs. 2000 crores.

(ii) For Mid-Day Meal Scheme to meet expenditure on the newly introduced component of assistance to meet cooking cost (Allocated to Ministry of Finance for being given to States as Additional Central Assistance) Rs. 1232 crores.

During 2005-06, the BE for SSA and MDMS is Rs. 7156 crores and Rs. 3345 crores respectively.

Recognition to Business Schools

466. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Council of Technical Education has withdrawn recognition of certain Business Schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the fate of students in these institutions; and

(d) the reasons due to which Government could not ascertain full credentials of such institutions before ganting recognition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (c) During the year 2005-06, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has withdrawn approval granted to Amity Business School, NOIDA on various grounds of irregularities. Amity Business School has filed a case in this regard in the Allahabad High Court and the matter is at present *sub-judice.*

(d) Approvals are granted by AICTE initially for one year on fulfilment of the prescribed norms and standards. AICTE also monitors the continued compliance of these norms and standards in the institutions. Actions,

including the withdrawal of approval, are taken against those violating the norms.

Foreign universities in higher education

†467. SHRI P. K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of India are considering to allow the entry of foreign universities in the country in higher education sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are considering to enact any law in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government has not taken a final view in this regard.

Affairs of AICTE

468. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that AICTE does not give prompt response to the queries on the matters pertaining to applications for various colleges;

(b) the steps proposed to make AICTE more transparent and efficient;

(c) whether it is a fact that applicants have to come to Delhi and wait for weeks together to get a response; and

(d) the number of applications from Andhra Pradesh for B. Pharmacy courses which are pending with AICTE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The decisions of AICTE in respect of approval for technical institutes, additional courses, increase in intake etc. are displayed on its website *www.aicte.ernet.in* which is updated regularly. The stakeholders are informed about availability of the information on website through public notices. Individual letters are also sent to the applicants.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.